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19 JAN 1960

Mr. Joseph France  
1409 Mercantile Trust Building  
Baltimore and Calvert Streets  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. France: *Joe*

It was very considerate of you to arrange guest privileges at the Yeomans Hall Club for Mrs. Dulles and me. Even though we were unable to accept the kind invitation, we appreciate the opportunity that you gave us to visit the Club.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

*SEND*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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YEAMANS HALL CLUB  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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CLUB MANAGER  
NOVEMBER 1 - MAY 1  
THOMAS V. MORRIS

At The Suggestion Of

MR. Joseph France  
YEAMANS HALL CLUB

extends its guest privileges to

Mr. & Mrs. Allen W. Dulles

during the coming Winter Season for  
a period not to exceed two weeks.

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# *Yeamans Hall*

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*I*N 1924 a number of prominent and farsighted New Yorkers heard about a lush and forested plantation of about 1000 acres just outside of historical Charleston, South Carolina. It was almost entirely surrounded by Goose Creek, affording great privacy with its wild wide marshes, and it contained some old ruins and a small cemetery dating back to pre-Revolutionary times. The plantation at one time belonged to Governor Yeamans, an early Colonial Governor of South Carolina.

These men formed a syndicate and purchased the plantation in 1925 at a price of \$180,000. They then secured the services of the Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects of Boston, who surveyed the property and laid out about 100 building plots taking advantage of the magnificent scenery and foliage. Two eighteen hole golf courses were also plotted out, for which the land was deforested, roads were laid, and some twenty substantial winter homes were erected. One beautiful eighteen hole golf course was built immediately, and the late Frank Gamble Rogers was chosen to be the architect of a simple but beautiful Clubhouse which is the center of the Club's activities of today. Mr. Rogers also designed a group of five attractive two-story guest houses for the Club built around a quadrangle. This whole project soon became one of the most beautiful and exclusive show places of the Carolina Low Country, and it is even more beautiful today.

The 1929 depression put an end to completing the second 18-holes and to the idea of the Yeamans Hall Club ever becoming a large resort. The original families, however, continued to enjoy its beauty and restfulness. Even then, as now, the Club was hidden from the main north and south highways.

Over the years, the Club gradually increased its membership to about 120 members, and the number of homes was increased to 34, all of

which are distinctive and occupied today. In fact, in this ever-changing and overcrowded world of resorts, Yeamans has remained unique and unchanged over the years and has reveled in this fact. The Club membership is still only around 130 and the standards of admission are rigid. It is the ambition of Yeamans to remain simple and completely different from the noisy and growing congestion of more southerly resorts.

Golf is Yeamans' main diversion. The Club is famous for its food and services. Automobiles may be rented by the day or month for excursions to Charleston, a city successfully fighting to retain its celebrated charm, its nationally known gardens and its beautiful homes. The latter are open to visitors during the season.

Trap shooting is also available. Hunting, fishing and boating are accessible. Except for private preserves, however, the South Carolina country has been pretty well shot out.

The weather at Yeamans is Spring weather. Beautiful woods, flowers and bird life abound. The nights are cool, and there is no summer heat.

Yeamans opens on a limited basis around the middle of December, and the season is in full swing from the middle of January through approximately the first week in April.

The New Jersey Turnpike, the Baltimore Tunnel, and the highway to Richmond avoiding Washington makes the Club accessible by automobile in two days from New York. There are overnight trains on the Atlantic Coast Line, and the North Charleston Airport is served by the Eastern, National and Delta Airlines. Yeamans is fifteen minutes from either railroad or airport, and the Club's own automobiles meet all arrivals.

Guests may be introduced only through members. Applications for membership must have the endorsement of the Board of Governors.

For more detailed information on dues and daily rates please address your inquiries to the Yeamans Hall Club, Charleston, South Carolina.

**YEAMANS HALL CLUB**  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
516 WEST 59TH STREET  
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

**INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP**

There is no initiation fee or similar entrance requirement. Dues are \$300 per annum plus federal tax and are payable semi-annually in May and November. The annual dues for members up to 45 years of age are \$150 plus tax. Members elected from March to September are not billed until the following November. Both men and women may qualify for membership. Membership of the club is limited in number and business references alone are not sufficient.

The names of candidates must be presented on the Club's membership forms. Form *One* is to be filled out by the applicant and Form *Two* is to be filled out in its entirety by both the proposer and seconder amplifying the qualifications of the candidate. Personal letters from the Club members are also desired wherever possible.

Members naturally have the first call on accommodations and are asked to make their reservations as early each season as possible. They and their immediate families — sons, daughters, sons- and daughters-in-law, grandchildren — are all entitled to full golfing and tennis privileges without guest fees.

### GUEST PRIVILEGES

Guests are always welcome because there is no other way to become acquainted with life at Yeamans. For the present, there is no daily guest surcharge over room and board charges for members but there is a daily guest charge for non-member guests who use the residence of a proprietor (instead of rooms at the Club), when the proprietor (or some immediate member of his family) is not in residence. The Club operates on the American Plan and all guests staying at the Club House or at the residence of a proprietor when the proprietor is not in residence, are billed on a daily basis. The daily charge for large double and single rooms with open fireplaces and private bath is set forth in the annual November letter to members.

Guest accommodations are assigned after the seasonal reservations of regular members have been allotted. It is suggested that guests be invited in January and the first half of February, when there is a greater selection of rooms. Weather and golfing conditions are practically identical at Yeamans during the entire season, which extends from Christmas through the first week of April.

Guests must in all cases be registered as the guest of a member. Guests are not eligible for more than two visits unless they are house guests of a proprietary member when the proprietor, or an immediate member of his family is in residence. The cooperation of house owners is sought, however, in enlisting their guests for membership. The most important insurance for the future life of the Club is a growing membership, as naturally the greater the annual revenue the more successful the continuance of the high standard of our operations.

At Yeamans there are no extras of any description, except that guests are required to pay nominal daily greens fees for one of the finer 18-hole golf courses in the country. A competent golf professional and his assistant are always in attendance.

The Club maintains two good tennis courts and offers clay pigeon shooting over the marshes from a modern trap which has been set up in the pine woods east of Sunset Drive. In addition, there are several private shooting clubs within a radius of forty miles and there is momentarily one location where quail shooting may be had on a daily basis during the season. Arrangements can also be made for the charter of a cabin cruiser for river trips or for fishing.

Completely furnished houses of members are occasionally available by direct lease from the owner. Such tenants must be approved by the membership committee and application for Club membership must become a part of any lease.

For any further information or membership blanks, write to William H. Zinsser, 516 West 59 Street, New York 19, N. Y. Telephone: COlumbus 5-2800.



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